

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the paragraph on page 2, lines 26-35 as follows:

This need is met by a process for preparing cis-or trans-1,2-diaminocyclohexane-N,N,N',N'-tetraacetic acid which comprises the steps of

- (a) neutralizing an aqueous solution of chloroacetic acid with a nonmetal amino or ~~hydrochloride~~ hydroxide base;
- (b) reacting cis- or trans-1,2-diaminocyclohexane with the neutralized chloroacetic acid of step (a) at an elevated temperature;
- (c) treating the product from step (b) with a non-metal amino or ~~hydrochloride~~ hydroxide base;
- (d) treating the resulting product of step (c) with acid and then
- (e) recovering the product formed.